

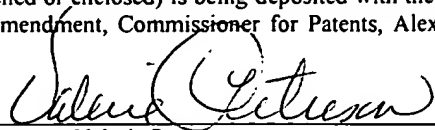
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A. 1. Transmitted herewith are the following:

- ☒ Amendment and Response, with 2 attached drawings
- ☒ Return postcard

B. 2. Fee Authorization

Applicants believe that no fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action dated December 8, 2003, in the above-identified application, please consider the following arguments and remarks. The original claims are presented herewith for the convenience of the Examiner.